

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, as amended, are now present in this application, Claim 7 having been canceled by said amendment. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of these claims are respectfully requested.

At the Examiner's suggestion, the fifth line from the end of claim 1 has been corrected by placing a comma between "cadmium" and "zinc." Withdrawal of the objection to claim 1 is accordingly submitted to be in order.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections of claims 1-6 is also requested in view of the foregoing amendments which address the various items noted by the Examiner. Some of what was termed indefiniteness was the result of the applicant trying to be overly specific about the components of his formulation. Thus, he unnecessarily noted that the t-butyl peroxy maleic acid was "a solid," not meaning to infer that there is more than one such compound; the words "a solid" have now been removed to eliminate any confusion. Similarly, he used the designation "+x" to indicate the oxidation state of the metal ion; for example, in calcium acetate, calcium would be in the +2 oxidation state; it would, however, be a neutral salt since the calcium ion would be teamed with two negatively charged acetate ions. Since one does not normally indicate oxidation states in chemical formulae, the claim has been amended to remove oxidation states. Conventional Markush language is also now used, where appropriate. And, since all percentages in the case are by weight, the last line of claim 1 is amended to make clear that the amount of free-flowing aid is also given in weight percent. Finally, Claim 7 has been canceled. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections of claims 1-6 is thus submitted to be in order.

It is noted that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

Allowance of Claims 1-6 at an early date is now respectfully requested.

No claims fee accompanies this amendment since no increase has been made in the number of total or independent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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